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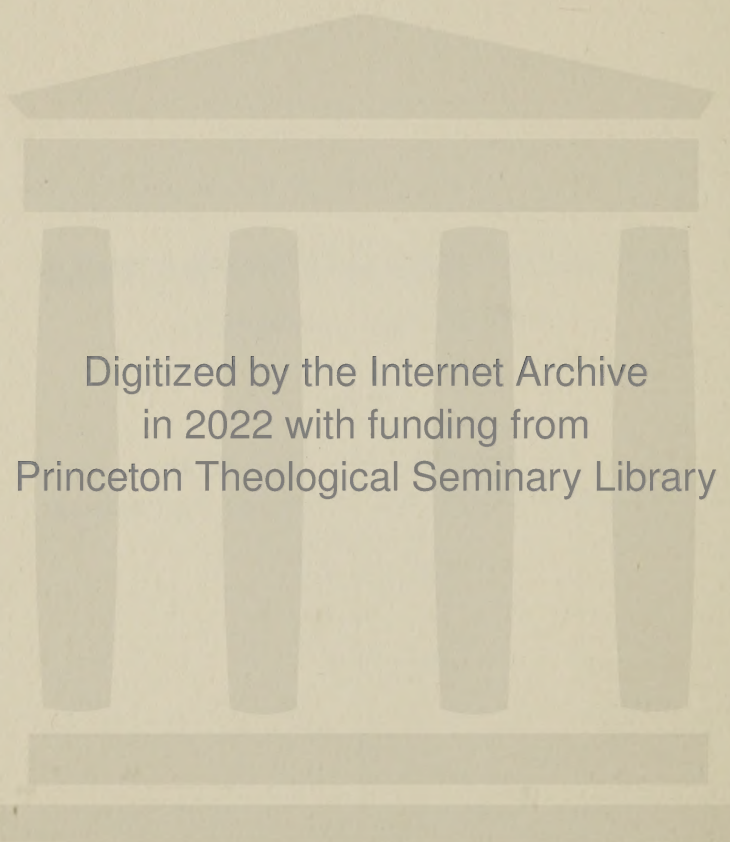
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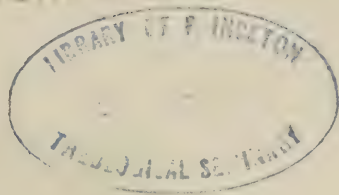


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The Book of Ruth





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it came to pass
in the days when the judges
ruled, that there was a
famine in the land. And a
certain man of Beth/le/
hem/judah went to sojourn
in the country of Moab, he,
& his wife, & his two sons.
And the name of the man
was Elimelech, and the
name of his wife Naomi,
& the name of his two sons
Mahlon & Chilion, Eph/
rathites of Beth/lehem/
judah. And they came in/
to the country of Moab,
and continued there.

And Elimelech Naomi's
husband died; and she
was left, & her two sons.

And they took them wives
of the women of Moab;
the name of the one was
Orpah, and the name of
the other Ruth: and they
dwelled there about ten
years. And Mahlon and
Chilion died also both of
them; & the woman was
left of her two sons and
her husband.

Then she arose with
her daughters in law,
that she might return from
the country of Moab: for
she had heard in the coun/
try of Moab how that the
Lord had visited his peo/
ple in giving them bread.
Wherefore she went forth
out of the place where she
was, & her two daughters
in law with her; & they

went on the way to return
unto the land of Iudah.

And Naomi said unto
her two daughters in
law, Go, return each to
her mother's house: the
Lord deal kindly with
you, as ye have dealt with
the dead, & with me. The
Lord grant you that ye may
find rest, each of you in
the house of her husband.
Then she kissed them; &
they lifted up their voice,
and wept.

And they said unto her,
Surely we will return
with thee unto thy people.

And Naomi said, Turn
again, my daughters:
why will ye go with me?
are there yet any more sons
in my womb, that they may

be your husbands? Turn
again, my daughters, go
your way; for I am too old
to have an husband. If I
should say, I have hope, if
I should have an husband
also to night, and should
also bear sons; would ye
tarry for them till they
were grown? would ye
stay for them from hav-
ing husbands? nay, my
daughters; for it grieveth
me much for your sakes
that the hand of the Lord
is gone out against me.

And they lifted up their
voice, & wept again:
and Orpah kissed her
mother in law; but Ruth
clave unto her.

And she said, Behold, thy
sister in law is gone

back unto her people, and
unto her gods: return thou
after thy sister in law.

And Ruth said, Intreat
me not to leave thee,
or to return from follow-
ing after thee: for whith-
er thou goest, I will go; &
where thou lodgest, I will
lodge: thy people shall be
my people, & thy God my
God: where thou diest,
will I die, & there will I
be buried: the Lord do so
to me, and more also, if
ought but death part thee
and me.

When she saw that she
was stedfastly mind-
ed to go with her, then she
left speaking unto her.

So they two went until
they came to Beth/le-

hem. And it came to pass,
when they were come to
Beth/lehem, that all the
city was moved about
them & they said, Is this
Naomi? And she said unto
them, Call me not Naomi,
call me Mara: for the Al-
mighty hath dealt very
bitterly with me. I went
out full, & the Lord hath
brought me home again
empty: why then call ye me
Naomi, seeing the Lord
hath testified against me,
and the Almighty hath
afflicted me?

So Naomi returned, &
Ruth the Moabite, &
her daughter in law, with
her, which returned out of
the country of Moab: and
they came to Beth/lehem

in the beginning of barley
harvest.

And Naomi had a kins-
man of her husband's,
a mighty man of wealth,
of the family of Elimelech;
and his name was Boaz.
And Ruth the Moabitess
said unto Naomi, Let me
now go to the field, and
glean ears of corn after
him in whose sight I shall
find grace. And she said
unto her, Go, my daught-
er. And she went, & came,
and gleaned in the field
after the reapers: and her
hap was to light on a part
of the field belonging un-
to Boaz, who was of the
kindred of Elimelech.

And, behold, Boaz came
from Beth-lehem, &

said unto the reapers, The
Lord be with you. And
they answered him, The
Lord bless thee.

Then said Boaz unto his
servant that was set
over the reapers, Whose
damsel is this?

And the servant that
was set over the reap-
ers answered & said, It
is the Moabitish damsel
that came back with Na-
omi out of the country of
Moab: & she said, I pray
you, let me glean & gather
after the reapers among
the sheaves: so she came,
and hath continued even
from the morning until
now, that she tarried a
little in the house.

Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens: let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, & drink of that which the young men have drawn.

Then she fell on her face and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am

a stranger?

And Boaz answered & said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, & the land of thy nativity, & art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore. The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast

spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.

And Boaz said unto her, At meal time come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.

And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not: and let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and re-

buke her not.

So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley. And she took it up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed.

And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned today? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother in law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom

I wrought today is Boaz.

And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the Lord who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.

And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men until they have ended all my harvest.

And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field.

So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to

glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother in law.

Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee? And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley tonight in the threshing floor. Wash thyself therefore, & anoint thee, & put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking. And it shall be, when he lieth down,

that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.

And she said unto her,

All that thou sayest unto me I will do. And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her. And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a

woman lay at his feet.

And he said, Who art thou?

And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.

And he said, Blessed be thou of the Lord, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman. And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit

there is a kinsman nearer than I. Carry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well, let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the Lord liveth: lie down until the morning.

And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor. Also he said, Bring the vail that thou hast upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he

measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her: and she went into the city.

And when she came to her mother in law she said, Who art thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her. And she said, These six measures of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Do not empty unto thy mother in law. Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz

spake came by; unto whom
he said, Ho, such a one!
turn aside, sit down here.
And he turned aside & sat
down. And he took ten men.
of the elders of the city, &
said, Sit ye down here.
And they sat down.

And he said unto the king/
man, Naomi, that is
come again out of the coun/
try of Moab, selleth a par/
cel of land, which was our
brother Elimelech's: & I
thought to advertise thee,
saying, Buy it before the
inhabitants, & before the
elders of my people. If
thou wilt redeem it, re/
deem it: but if thou wilt
not redeem it, then tell me,
that I may know: for
there is none to redeem it

beside thee; & I am after
thee.

And he said, I will re/
deem it.

Then said Boaz, what
day thou buvest the
field of the hand of Naomi,
thou must buy it also of
Ruth the Moabitess, the
wife of the dead, to raise
up the name of the dead
upon his inheritance.

And the kinsman said, I
cannot redeem it for
myself, lest I mar mine
own inheritance: redeem
thou my right to thyself;
for I cannot redeem it.

Now this was the man/
ner in former time in
Israel concerning redeem/
ing & concerning chang/
ing, for to confirm all

things; a man plucked off his shoe, & gave it to his neighbour: and this was a testimony in Israel. Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. So he drew off his shoe.

And Boaz said unto the elders, & unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Eli-
melech's, & all that was Chilion's & Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi. Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchas'd to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance that the name of the dead be not cut off from among

his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.

And all the people that were in the gate, & the elders, said, We are witnesses. The Lord make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel & like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Beth-lehem: & let the house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the Lord shall give thee of this young woman.

So Boaz took Ruth, & she was his wife: and when he went in unto her,

the Lord gave her conception, and she bare a son. And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the Lord, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel. And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him.

And Naomi took the child, & laid it in her bosom, & became nurse unto it. And the women & her neighbors gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; & they called his name Obed: he

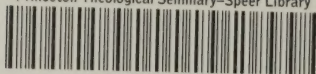
is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Now these are the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron, & Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab, and Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon, & Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed, & Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

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